

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Midnight Run

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Medium: DVD

Director/Author: Martin Brest

Producer/Publisher: Martin Brest

Country of Origin: United States

Language: English

Applicant: Chief Censor

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years.
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Descriptive Note: Contains violence and offensive language.

Display Conditions: Nil

Date of entry in Register: 19 May 2008

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OFLC No: 800665

Unexcised version of publication:

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Chapter List Languages Play	
Feature:	Midnight Run	121.02
Other components:	Copyright Warning Notice Universal Notice Macrovision Notice	

Total running time:		121.02
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Excisions: No Excisions Recommended

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The publication entitled *Midnight Run* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years.

The film relies heavily on the fast-paced, often improvised banter, between the central characters. They frequently use highly offensive language in a humorous but gratuitous manner. If this language is emulated by impressionable children in the threatening manner used in the film it may cause them to intimidate others or result in their social ostracism. Teenagers and adults may also find the language shocking but are more likely to grasp the intentions of the filmmakers. Considering these factors, and the film's often cavalier treatment of violence and crime, it is likely to be injurious to the public good unless restricted to its intended audience of persons over 13 years of age.

Considerations under s3 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 have been weighed against the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. Given the manner, extent and degree to which the publication deals with matters of crime, violence and offensive language a limit on its availability to teenagers and adults is considered to be a reasonable and demonstrably justifiable restriction. This limitation on the publication's availability is the minimum restriction that can be applied in order to prevent likely injury to the public good.